



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
CONESTEE MILLS SITE  
1 Spanco Drive, Conestee, South Carolina**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract concerning the Conestee Mills Site. The contract, 08-5753-NRP, will be between DHEC and a company known as Conestee Mill, LP.

If the contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Conestee Mill, LP, to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site”, which may have environmental pollution from former activities. Conestee Mill, LP, did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control the pollution in order to reuse the property.

The specific property being purchased by Conestee Mill, LP, consist of approximately 6.8 acres identified by tax map numbers 0423000101001 and 0422000100300. The property is located between Lake Conestee to the west, the Conestee dam and Reedy River to the north, and Conestee Road to the east and south.

The Conestee Mills Site was used as a paper plant and a textile plant from the mid- 1800’s until 1978. Because of the industrial processes, soil and groundwater on the property may have been contaminated in the past. Environmental testing has not yet been done to determine whether any pollution is still present.

Conestee Mill, LP, intends to retain some of the buildings and develop the property for mixed-use purposes that could include multi-family senior housing and family housing, office, and commercial uses.

Due to the potential environmental pollution, Conestee Mill, LP, wish to enter into a contract under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. Under the proposed contract, Conestee Mill, LP, will test samples of soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water. If contamination is found, Conestee Mill, LP, will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings.

In exchange for doing work under Voluntary Cleanup Program, DHEC will not hold Conestee Mill, LP, responsible for the pre-existing pollution. If Conestee Mill, LP, completes all requirements of the contract, they will be protected under State laws from being responsible to anyone affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not remove any responsibility that former owners or operators of the site have because of the contamination.

DHEC promotes redevelopment of Brownfields for beneficial reuse. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public\\_notice.asp](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp). Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the Conestee Mills Site proposed contract until May 21, 2008. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manger, email [gormanak@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gormanak@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 896-4121 or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, email [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:dukescv@dhec.sc.gov), TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to the attention of either individual at: SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.